

REMARKS

Status of Present Application

Claims 1-3 and 9 are pending and were rejected in the pending Office Action. Claims 1-3 and 9 have been amended and are pending in the present application. No new matter has been added.

Specification

The Office Action requests correction of pages 16, 51, and 57 of the specification and the Abstract. In response, Applicants have corrected the typographical errors on the pages cited by the Examiner, the Abstract, and certain additional pages. No new matter has been added.

Rejection of Claims 1-3 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claim 1-3 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness. In the Office Action, the Examiner pointed out that the recitation of “at least one isolated mammalian anti-IL-12 antibody” was unclear and suggested adopting the language, “an isolated mammalian anti-II-12 antibody.” In addition, the Examiner pointed out that the term “an IL-12 antibody” lacked antecedent basis in claims 2 and 3.

Claims 1 and 9 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner’s suggestion to recite “an isolated mammalian anti-II-12 antibody.” In addition, claims 2 and 3 have been amended solely as a formality to recite “[t]he anti-IL-12 antibody.” These claim terms have proper antecedent basis. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection in view of this amendment.

A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited in the present application. If the Examiner views this response as not placing the above application in condition for allowance, the

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Examiner should consider this a request for an interview with the undersigned attorney to clarify any unresolved issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant hereby authorizes the charging of Deposit Account No. 10-0750-ED for any fees due with respect to this Amendment.